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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS MO
SUBJECT: MOROCCAN PURCHASE OF MIRAGE F-1 AIRCRAFT

1. WE HAVE HAD CONFIRMATION FROM VARIOUS SOURCES OF MOROCCAN INTENTION TO PURCHASE MIRAGE F-1 AIRCRAFT, REPORTED IN LE MONDE JAN 16. SOURCE WITH CLOSE TIES TO PALACE COMMENTED JAN 19 THAT TRANSACTION HAD BEEN CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED FOR MAXIMUM POLITICAL IMPACT. HE DID NOT SPECIFY TARGET OF SUCH IMPACT, BUT IMPLICATION WAS THAT IT ALGERIA. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT DELIVERY COULD BE SPEEDED UP IF SITUATION DEMANDED IT.

2. HIGH RANKING FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL ALSO CONFIRMED SALE IN JAN 19 CONVERSATION, NOTING DELIVERIES SLATED TO BEGIN IN 1979-80. FRENCH OFFICIAL STRESSED THAT WHILE RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO EXCELLENT AND PRIMIN CHIRAC TO VISIT MOROCCO PRIOR TO KING'S APRIL PARIS VISIT, FRENCH DOING ALL THEY CAN AT PRESENT TO AVOID IRRITATING ALGERIANS THROUGH KEEPING THEIR NORTH AFRICAN POLICY WELL BALANCED.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOROCCAN EMBASSY IN PARIS HAS ALSO CONFIRMED TO NORTHROP REPRESENTATIVE THERE THAT GOM PLANS TO
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ACQUIRE MIRAGE F-1S. MIRAGE DEAL REPORTEDLY INITIATED BEFORE

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GOM SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER ON NORTHROP F-5S,
AND MOROCCAN PURCHASE OF F-5S ADDITIONAL TO MIRAGE DEAL.
ALSO, MIRAGES APPARENTLY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MOROCCO LATER
THAN TIME FRAME ENVISAGED BY GOM FOR F-5S.
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